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St. John's Lutheran Church.

Corner Liberty Street and Austin Place. Rev. H. A. Steininger, pastor. Services 10.45 A. M. and 7.45 P. M. Sunday-school at 2 P. M. Ladies' Aid Society first Sabbath of every month at 3 P. M. Junior Society last Thursday of every month at 7.45 P. M.

Unity Church, (Unitarian).

Rev. Leslie Willis Sprague, Minister. Unity Hall, South Fullerton Avenue, near Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair, Sunday-school at 9.45. Morning Service at 11 o'clock. Topic, "Life Problems II. Limitations and How to Accept Them." Seats free. All are welcome.

To Aid a Library.

The Auxiliary Committee of Watsessing Free Public Library, having put a number of new books in circulation during the summer, invite the friends of the library and all who are interested in the work it is doing to call and inspect the building and books at an afternoon tea, which will be given at the library, Dodd street, near the Watsessing station, on Thursday, November 5, from 3 to 6 o'clock. A silver donation, to be applied to current expenses, will be received at the door.

Hopping-Smith.

A very pretty and largely attended home wedding took place on Wednesday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith, No. 267 North Sixth street, Newark, when their youngest daughter, Miss Etta E. Smith, and Burnett Wilkinson Hopping were united in marriage by Rev. T. J Coultas of the Roseville M. E. Church. The parlors, in which the ceremony took place, were tastefully decorated with palms and cut flowers by Holterman & Wolfinger. Miss Grace Jancovius, a friend of the bride, played the wedding march.

The bride was given away by her father. She was attired in a gown of white crepede Chine over taffeta, with point lace and pearl trimmings, and veil. Her only ornament was a diamond brooch, the gift of the groom. She carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums. The maid of honor, Miss Anna M. Smith, sister of the bride, wore a gown of dawn gray crepede Chene over gray taffeta, trimmed with embroidered chiffon, and carried pink chrysanthemums. The best man was Frank Ashley of East Orange. The ushers were Floyd Lanning of Florham Park and Arthur Schlobohm of Newark.

The bride's gift to the maid of honor was a seal ring with diamond setting. The groom presented each of his attendants with a handsome pearl scarf-pin.

A reception followed the ceremony, at which the young couple received the congratulations and best wishes of their many relatives and friends. Guests were present from Newark, Philadelphia, Washington, Albany and Newburgh. The wedding supper was served by Davis of Newark.

After the reception the bride and groom left on an extended wedding trip through the South, and on their return they will reside at 207 North Seventh street, Newark.

Mr. and Mrs. Hopping were the recipients of a large number of handsome presents.

Mohrmann-Taylor.

Miss Clara Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Taylor, and Frederick E. Mohrmann, both of this town, were married at the home of the bride's parents, No. 3 Franklin street, at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Edwin A. White, rector of Christ Episcopal Church, assisted by Rev. P. G. Blight of the Watsessing Methodist Church. The bride was gowned in white satin with pearl trimmings and carried a bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaids, Miss Clara Drake and Miss Mary Caffery, both of this town, wore gowns of white and carried pink carnations. Miss Bertha Heckel of Belleville was the maid of honor. She wore white and carried pink carnations. John Maxfield of this town was best man, and Harry Atkins and Henry Albinson were the ushers. Mr. and Mrs. Mohrmann will reside here.

Williams-Hardy.

The marriage of Clarence L. Williams of Orange and Miss Mabel Estelle Hardy, daughter of Adolphus C. Hardy of Franklin street, this town, took place Thursday night in the Westminster Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. George A. Paull officiated. The bride was attired in a costume of white Liberty satin trimmed with pleted chiffon and silk applique. She carried bridal roses. The maid of honor, Miss Mabel Caroline Palmer of this town, wore pink chiffon over pink taffeta and carried chrysanthemums of the same color. Wm. Marsh of Orange was best man, and the ushers were Clifton Riker of East Orange and Herbert Banta of Ridgewood. A reception at the home of the bride's parents followed the ceremony in the church, and about a hundred guests were present. Mr. and Mrs. Williams were the recipients of many presents. On their return from a wedding trip they will reside in Orange.

Inglis-Hughes.

The Fort Wayne, Ind., *Morning Journal* gave a long account of the marriage of Miss Carrie Elizabeth Hughes, a former member of the First Presbyterian Church quartette to, Mr. James Inglis of Detroit, Mich. The wedding took place Wednesday evening in the Westminster Church, Fort Wayne. A chorus of fifty girls sang the wedding choruses. The bride's gown was fashioned of silk used in her mother's wedding dress, and made up in modern fashion with insertions of Brussels lace and white panne ribbon, of which there were alternate rows put together with the fagot stitch now so popular. The bodice was high in the neck and the sleeves of elbow length. The skirt hung over other skirts of chiffon and silk and a veil of tulle extended to the end of the train.

Morgan-Cadmus.

Miss Anna Westervelt Cadmus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cadmus of No. 30 Benson street, and Dr. Browne Morgan of New York were married at the home of the bride at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Rev. George Louis Curtis, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Miss Hazel Morgan of New York, a sister of the groom, was maid of honor, and Egbert Cadmus, a brother of the bride, was best man. A reception to the immediate relatives followed, after which the bridal couple started on an extended Southern trip. They will reside in New York.

Van Wagoner-Gault.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs James Gault, 97 Grove street, Montclair, last week, their daughter Rubena Jean was married to Rev. Charles Davis Van Wagoner of Russell, Minn., formerly of this town. Rev. R. M. Sommerville, D. D., of New York performed the ceremony, assisted by Rev. George Louis Curtis of this town. The bride was attired in white satin trimmed with lace. She wore a tulle veil and carried bride roses and ferns. Her only ornament was a gold locket and chain, the gift of the groom. The maid of honor was Miss Mabel Blauvelt of Newark, who was gowned in white albatross with pink trimming. She carried pink roses and ferns. Mrs. William Baldwin Wyman, a sister of the bride, acted as matron of honor. Her gown was of ivory-white satin and she carried white chrysanthemums and ferns. Paul C. Carey of East Orange acted as best man. The ushers were Charles L. Price of Newark and John K. Gault, brother of the bride. The house was decorated with cut flowers, autumn foliage and ferns. The reception room in which the ceremony was performed was banked with white cosmos and palms. The decorations in the dining room were pink. Mr. and Mrs. Van Wagoner will reside in Russell, Minn.

Jerome Place Nuisance.

Moses Hewitt of Jerome place appeared before the Town Council at the last meeting of that body, and made a complaint about a nuisance suffered by the property-owners along that street, caused by the overflow of the Orange union outlet sewer. Mr. Hewitt said that he brought the matter before the Board of Health some time ago without satisfactory results. Chairman Peterson said that the situation was due to neglect on the part of the Orange sewer officials, as they had been notified to build up the manholes to a sufficient height to prevent any overflow. On motion of Mr. Conlan the clerk was instructed to again write to the Orange officials and call their attention to the matter.

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NAPOLEON'S LETTER.

How the Initial "M" Punctuated the Great Conqueror's Career.

From Marengo to Moscow was the long swing in the pendulum of Napoleon's life, the one the greatest battle out of which he came with his life, the other the abyss which engulfed him. Mr. J. M. Buckley, who is a literary expert on coincidences, points out how strangely the letter M played a part in the life of the great conqueror.

Marboe was the first to recognize the genius of Napoleon at the Ecole Militaire. Melas opened to him the way to Italy. Mortier was one of his first generals. Moreau betrayed him, and Murat was the first martyr to his cause. Marie Louise partook of his highest destinies. Metternich conquered him on the field of diplomacy.

Six marshals—Massena, Mortier, Marmont, Macdonald, Murat and Moncy—and twenty-six of his generals of divisions had names beginning with the letter M.

Murat, duke of Bassano, was the counselor in whom he placed the greatest confidence. His first great battle was that of Montenotte; his last was that of Mount St. Jean. He gained the battles of Moscow, Montmirail and Montereau. Then came the assault of Montmartre. Milan was the first enemies' capital and Moscow the last in which he entered.

He lost Egypt through the blunders of Menoa and employed Miollis to make Pius VII. prisoner. Malet conspired against him, afterward Marmont. His ministers were Maret, Montalivet and Mollien. His first chamberlain was Montesquieu.

Wordsworth's Secret.

And Wordsworth's secret? Any poet's secret? Well, for aught we can see, it remains a secret, a something as far beyond human subtlety to explain as it is beyond human ingenuity to produce. "The wind bloweth where it listeth." "Genius," "inspiration"—it is hard to get on without the old words, vague though they be. Nay, it is precisely because they are vague that they serve so useful a purpose. Even Professor Raleigh, after speaking almost contemptuously of "impatient critics" who seek to account for Wordsworth's "amazing inequality" by assuming that sometimes he was inspired, at other times not, is heard a little afterward lamenting that in Wordsworth's case, as in Coleridge's, "the high tide of inspiration was followed by a long and wandering ebb."

One feels like quoting Lowell, whose arrow in such competitions is apt to hit the white. Wordsworth, he says, "was not an artist in the strictest sense of the word; neither was Isaiah, but he had a rarer gift, the capability of being greatly inspired."—Bradford Torrey in Atlantic.

Phil May and His Models.

Many of the figures in Phil May's book "Guttersnipes" were sketched from memory while staying up the river.

"One day," he said, when speaking on the subject, "I saw a delightful little model for my purpose, a dirty, ragged bit of girl humanity. I spoke to her and wrote a message on my card for her to give to her mother. Next morning she came in charge of an older sister, as tattered and unkempt as herself. When I had made my sketches of the two of them I asked the elder one if she had any more sisters like herself. 'Oh, yes, four or five, worse than I am.' 'Bring them round,' said I. 'Is the little un to come again?' she asked. 'No, I've done with her.' The next day they came, the little un included. She had persisted in it, for she said: 'He's my artist. I found him first.'"—London Tit-Bits.

Fireproof Wood.

Though there are a number of different kinds of wood, ebony, ironwood, etc., of such close, hard fiber that even the fiercest fire has difficulty in "getting hold" of it, there is only one sort, so far as now known, that is practically fireproof. This is a small, scraggy tree, a native of South America, called the shopala, with thick, tough, stringy bark full of a sort of fire resisting sap. This curious shrub grows largely on the great, grassy savannas, which are swept by fire almost every year during the heat of the summer. There it thrives splendidly, for the annual scourge only kills off its bigger and hardier competitors and leaves the ground free for the growth of this vegetable asbestus.

Smart Sayings.

Lord Palmerston's reply to the illiterate member who asked him, "Are there two hens in 'Oniton?" is a specimen of his rather boisterous chaff. "No; only one, That's why heggs are so scarce there."

Mr. Disraeli's comment upon a portrait of himself, "Is it not hideous—and so like?" exhibited a discernment not common with unflattered sitters.—"Twenty Years In Parliament."

The Social Side.

Mrs. Waldo-Cecil—He has a barrel of money.

Edith Waldo-Cecil—But is he all right socially?

Mr. Waldo-Cecil—Oh, yes; he hasn't the least idea how he got it!—Puck.

Piling It On.

Dedude—That man called me a liar, a cad, a scoundrel and a puppy. Would you advise me to fight for that?

Old Blunt—By all means. There's nothing nobler in this world, young man, than fighting for the truth.

As Others Knew Her.

"She seems to be a natural flirt," he said.

"Natural?" the woman impatiently replied. "There's nothing natural about her but the framework."—Chicago Record-Herald.

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TOWN COUNCIL.

MANY PUBLIC MATTERS CONSIDERED AT MONDAY NIGHT'S MEETING.

The Lackawanna Railroad Ordered to Repair Toney Brook Embankment—A Demand Made Upon the Erie Railroad Company for a New Bridge at Williamson Avenue—Flood Damages Repaired.

The Town Council met in regular session on Monday night, and discussed and acted on a number of matters of public concern. C. M. Van Wagner, who owns a number of houses in Railroad place, and whose property was badly damaged in the recent flood, requested the Council to take some action towards having the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company repair the broken embankment of Toney's brook at the north end of Railroad place. Mr. Van Wagner said he had personally requested the railroad company to attend to the matter, but without effect.

On motion of Councilman Conlan, Town Clerk Johnson was instructed to write to the railroad company to the effect that the Council desired the company to take immediate steps to repair the embankment.

Hugh D. King brought the matter of Cedar street opening to the attention of the Council again. Councilman Moore, of the Legal Committee, who requested that he be given an opportunity to make a personal investigation of the legal obstacles in the way of carrying out the work, stated that owing to press of other matters he had not had time to attend to the affair.

Mr. King suggested that the Council accept as a legal highway such parts of the street as could be opened free of legal impediments.

Mr. Moore said that such action would be a violation of an ordinance on the town books prohibiting the acceptance of a street not having an outlet, or streets less than fifty feet in width. He considered the ordinance a good one, and he would not like to see it departed from, or any exceptions made to its general enforcement.

Councilman Conlan, Chairman of the Sewer Committee, reported that the Orange city officials had as yet paid no attention to the request of the Council that steps be taken to abate the nuisance complained of by Jerome place property-owners, and he made a motion that the Town Clerk serve notice on the Orange officials that unless some action was taken by them inside of ten days the Sewer Committee of the Town Council would have the work done at the expense of the city of Orange.

Councilman Conlan presented the financial report of Town Treasurer Harry L. Osborne for the month of October, and also recommended the issuing of a town note for $10,000 in anticipation of taxes.

For the Sewer Committee Councilman Conlan recommended the placing of another manhole in the Belleville avenue storm sewer, in order to make the drain more accessible for cleaning. The present manhole is about 400 feet north from Belleville avenue, and the distance is too far to permit of "dragging" the drain. There is now a deposit of ten inches of sand in the drain.

Mr. Walker suggested the construction of two long catch basins on Belleville avenue to catch the sand before it got in the basin.

The Sewer Committee's report was adopted

Councilman Walker, of the Auditing Committee, reported that the tax duplicate had been audited and found correct.

Councilman Chabot, of the Maps and Surveys Committee, reported that the boundary line between Bloomfield and Glen Ridge, across Edge road, had been fixed and monument stones placed. The cost of the work was $50, one-half of which will be paid by the borough.

The Essex Cross Railway Company's franchise application was laid over as usual.

Councilman Moore reported the Olive street opening ordinance for first reading.

Councilman Conlan reported that the damages from the floods to the roads and sidewalks had been repaired at a cost of $800. The Road Committee was congratulated on having the work done at that comparatively low figure.

Councilman Farrand, of the Fire Committee, expressed regret that he was unable to make anything but a progress report on the new fire houses, as he had not been able to confer with the Council about the plans he had received. He expected to be able to make a complete report at the next Council meeting.

Councilman Moore said that some improvements had been made at Essex Truck House, which were satisfactory to the members of that company, temporarily.

Town Clerk Johnson was instructed to give notice to the Jerome place property-owners of the filing of the report of the Board of Assessors of the assessments levied for the cost of the improvement of that street and Walnut street.

While the Council was in session the fire-bell rang, sounding an alarm from box No. 26. Chief Higgins, Assistant Chief Eichhorn and a number of firemen were in attendance at the meeting, and assumed that the first two taps of the bell was the usual nine o'clock signal, but when the ringing continued beyond that there was a great rush for the door of the Council room, and nearly half of the large crowd of spectators left to go to the fire.

Chief Higgins later returned with the report that the Williamson avenue bridge had been partly destroyed by fire and was unsafe for travel.

The Counsel ordered the Clerk to immediately notify the Erie Railroad Company of the condition of the bridge, and Chairman Peterson directed that in addition to the notice a demand be made for its replacement with a new iron structure.

The resolutions adopted at the public meeting in Central Hall on October 29 were read by the Clerk and ordered placed on file.

King's Daughter's Union.

The King's Daughter's Union of this town and Glen Ridge held their regular annual meeting in the parish house of the First Church October 28. At this meeting it was decided not to reopen the sewing class which has been conducted by the union for the last four years, as there are such classes in the various public schools. In view of the fact that there did not seem to be any special work for the union to undertake, except such work as could be even more successfully carried on by the individual circles, it was decided to disband as a union. The King's Daughter's Union was organized in the fall of 1895. Mrs. Frank Goodwin of Glen Ridge and the Westminster Circle of King's Daughters were the originators of the plan. They called a meeting of the eight circles of King's Daughters then in existence in Glen Ridge and this town and presented to them the needs of the lower part of the town. It was decided to form a union for the support of a kindergarten school in that neighborhood. This was speedily accomplished and the union was very fortunate in securing the services of Miss Katherine Cook to take charge of this work. The effect of this school on the neighborhood was very quickly apparent. Miss Cook was a most successful, as well as a most welcome and popular teacher, and soon won her way into the hearts and homes of the little people under her care. She started a mother's class and in many ways her influence was felt very strongly and helpfully. After three years of tireless labor the Heavenly Father took her home, leaving the school very deeply bereaved. A kindergartener was appointed in her place, who carried the school successfully through another year, and then as free kindergartens had been added to the curriculum of the public schools there was no longer any urgent need of this school and it was not reopened. In its place the union decided to establish a sewing class to meet once a week, and the members of the various circles helped in this work under a competent head. The lady in charge also spent three afternoons in the week visiting among the families in the neighborhood, inviting their children to the sewing class and in this way discovered and brought to the notice of the circles many needs of need. This class has been carried on for four years and has steadily grown in numbers and in interest. Last winter was the most successful in its history, but as sewing classes are now conducted in the various public schools the need of this class no longer exists. The funds to carry on the union's work have been contributed by the circles, each circle pledging a certain amount. During the eight years of the existence of the union the sum of $2,725.39 has been expended in charitable work, and this has nearly all come in the form of voluntary gifts, as only one entertainment to raise money was ever attempted by the union. The money came in little by little, often just when it was needed, to pay the bills and the guiding hand of Him in whose name the work was done has been plainly felt all the way.

Stole an Overcoat.

Kid Clifton, colored, was committed to the Counnty Jail Thursday by Recorder Post on a charge of stealing a rubber overcoat from Thomas H. Decker's livery stable. Clifton claimed in defence that the coat had been given him to sell. His story was discredited.

MR. MACDONALD'S LETTER

A Protest Against Any Reconsideration of the Town Council's Resolution of October 8—Unofficial Members of the Committee of Fifteen Scored.

When Chairman Peterson put the usual question at the Town Council meeting Monday night asking if any citizen present had anything to bring before the Council, Samuel J. Macdonald arose and read the following voluminous protest against any action by the Council in the way of reconsideration of the resolution of October 8, wherein the Council called a special election for the purpose of having the people vote on a resolution to purchase the Orange Water Company's plant at the price asked by the company, namely, $150,000. Mr. Macdonald said:

To the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield:

GENTLEMEN: As a citizen of Bloomfield, anxious to arrive at an understanding of the water question, I attended the public meeting last evening. I listened very carefully to the report of the Committee of Fifteen and to the report of the Town Council, and also to all the speeches which followed. I was endeavoring to digest in my mind and judgment all of the enormous mass of facts and figures and other considerations which were laid before the meeting when, to my great surprise, those who were in control of the meeting, apparently having measured their strength, insisted upon this important and vital question being put to a vote then and there. A *viva voce* vote, which in a large meeting is uncertain and often misleading, was taken upon the resolutions offered by the Committee of Fifteen, and they were declared carried by the Chair, although to my ear it appeared that the vote in the negative was fully equal to that in the affirmative.

The resolutions offered by the Committee of Fifteen and thus declared carried by the Chairman in terms merely requested the Town Council to rescind their action in submitting this question to a vote of the entire people of the town; but, despite the use of the word "request," it is very evident that the adoption of these resolutions in such a manner is merely an adroit attempt to forestall the election and to prevent, if possible, the question being submitted to the people.

The Committee of Fifteen, i. e., in reality the Committee of Eight, call a public meeting in a hall which will not accommodate more than 500 people, and propose, because their Chairman declared certain resolutions carried, to practically decide in this manner a question which the Town Council desired to submit to the entire electorate, to be voted upon by them after a careful and patient examination of the entire question.

This savors very much to me—perhaps because I have not been brought up in awe of the highly honorable gentlemen who compose the Committee of Eight—of adroit and skilful political manœuvring on the part of the eight, instead of a sincere and honest regard for the best interests of the people of Bloomfield.

But the Committee of Eight say that their action is inspired solely by the desire to "save the expense" of an election. Commendable economy. But these are the very same gentlemen who employed a lawyer to do the very work they were appointed to do—not at their own expense, but at the expense of the town. They had no desire to "save the expense" then—except, indeed, to save the expense to themselves. So that their tremendous anxiety now to save the town expense seems more like a pretext than an honest intention.

The so-called report of this committee was drawn up by their lawyer, and even had to be read by him instead of by one of the committee or the clerk of the meeting, for the very evident reason that it was not a report of the committee at all, but was, in very fact and truth, an adroit and clever legal argument by the learned and capable counsel, intended for the purpose, not of laying all the facts bearing upon the water question before the people, but solely to defeat if possible the purchase of the Orange Water Company's plant in Bloomfield.

This argument of counsel was not only sought to be strengthened by an imposing array of figures, but the most adroit and effective part of it was embodied in a clever and skilful attempt to throw suspicion, if not odium, upon your honorable body, and thereby to prejudice the minds of the people against the proposed purchase and mislead them from the real and simple issues.

Think of it! A learned and high-minded counsel covertly abusing his clients—or those, to put it more correctly, whom he expects to pay him for his services—and openly imputing impure and dishonest motives to them. This certainly indicates, to say the least, that his interests and aims—whatever they may be—are not identical with those of his ostensible clients.

Boiled down and stripped of its immense verbosity, the report of the Committee of Eight amounts to this: That they "believe" that the present water plant in Bloomfield can be duplicated for much less than $150,000. There are no reliable or expert figures given by them upon which this alleged belief is based. And they are very careful to say nothing about the time which would be required to construct and install a new plant comprising twenty-eight miles of pipe, etc.

Against this alleged belief we have the

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SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

The Half-Century Celebration of the Institution of the Park M. E. Church will be Observed To-morrow—Appropriate Services to be Continued Throughout the Week—Programme of Services as Arranged by the Committee.

While the history of Methodism in this community runs much further back than official records can be found to substantiate, there is no question but what a half-century mark of the establishment of a certain and continuous evidence of Methodism here has been reached. The corner stone of the Park Methodist Episcopal Church, on the west side of the public common, and at the corner of Broad and Park streets, was laid in 1853, and the semi-centennial of the institution of that church will be celebrated with appropriate services, beginning to-morrow and continuing throughout the week. The Rev. Dr. C. S. Woodruff, the present pastor of that church, assisted by committees chosen from the church membership, has arranged for a series of interesting services, beginning to-morrow morning and concluding Thursday evening.

Bishop Bowman will be present at the opening service of the semi-centennial celebration to-morrow morning, and will make some remarks appropriate to the occasion. The Rev. Dr. Krantz will preach the sermon. The Rev. Albert Mann, Ph. D., will preach at the evening service. There will be special music at both services, and W. R. Smith and Arthur Ellor will sing solos.

"Recalling the Past" is the title given to the Monday evening service, and former ministers of the church will be present and give interesting reminiscences of their pastoral work here. The following former pastors have announced their intention of being present: Revs. H. Spellmeyer, W. L. Hoagland, R. Harcourt, Albert Mann, Jr., R. B. Collins, R. M. Aylesworth and J. G. Johnston.

A fraternal meeting will be held on Tuesday night, when pastors of the local churches will extend congratulations. Among those who will speak are the Rev. George L. Curtis, whose church has passed its centennial mark; Rev. Charles A. Cook, representing the First Baptist Church, which has passed the semi-centennial mark; Rev. George A. Paull of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, and Rev. P. G. Blight of the Watsessing M. E. Church, a branch of the Park M. E. Church. The original home of Methodism in this locality was West Bloomfield, now Montclair, and the mother church will be represented Tuesday night by Rev. John Y. Dobbins, D. D. William J. Maier will render a violin solo. Wednesday and Thursday evenings will be devoted to the church members, old and young.

The earliest authentic records show that in 1819 Bloomfield was included in the Bergen circuit, and the class here had thirty members. In 1837 the town was included in the New Jersey Conference, and in 1858 the Newark Conference was set apart from the New Jersey Conference.

The present church edifice has been twice enlarged, and there is now pressing need for more room for the Sunday-school.

The lot for the present site of the church was purchased as shown by a deed dated July 1, 1845, but not received until May 1, 1847, from Dury Bromley for $125. This indicates that real estate was not as valuable then as now. It would seem that the building was not begun at once, for the corner stone bears date 1-53. The dedication did not occur until the next year.

The parsonage was purchased, as the deed shows, on June 4, 1868, for $3,500.

The following is a list of the ministers who have filled pastorates in the Park M. E. Church, with their time of service: 1851-2, John I. Morrow; 1853-4, G. R. Snyder*; 1855, Dayton F. Reed; 1856, John Scarlet; 1857, W. W. Voorhees; 1858-9, S. H. Opdyke; 1860-61, George Winsor; 1862, J. S. Swain; 1863-4, A. S. Compton; 1865-6-7, J. R. Adams; 1868-9-70, S. W. Hillard; 1871, S. L. Baldwin; 1872-3-4, Henry Spellmeyer; 1874-6-7, E. W. Burr; 1878-9-80, W. L. Hoagland; 1881, Richard Harcourt; 1882-3-4, D. R. Lowrie; 1885 6, Albert Mann, Jr.; 1887-8, J A. Monroe; 1889-90-91-92-93, R. B. Collins; 1894-5-6, R. M. Aylesworth; 1897 8-9-00-01, J. G. Johnston; 1902, C. S. Woodruff.

*At dedication of church.

Notice to Taxpayers.

The Board of Assessors will be in session in the board's office in the National Bank building on Saturday, November 7, and Friday, November 20, for the purpose of giving a hearing to any taxpayers who may desire to bring any matter before the board respecting the assessment of taxes on real and personal property for year 1903.

Would Not Rescind.

The special election to vote for or against the ratification of the action of the Town Council in passing a resolution deeming it advisable to purchase the plant of the Orange Water Company, and pay $150,000 for it, will be held next Tuesday. The resolutions adopted at the public meeting held in Central Hall on Thursday evening, October 29, requesting the Council to reconsider its resolution of October 8, was read by the Town Clerk at the Town Council meeting Monday night, but the Council took no action upon it.

Councilman Walker who did not vote for the resolution of October 8, and was therefore not entitled to offer a motion to reconsider, managed to get the question before the Council under the head of new business, and made a motion that the Council rescind its action of October 8.

Chairman Peterson at first ruled against the admission of Mr. Walker's motion, but afterward decided to admit it. Councilman Farrand supported Mr. Walker's contention that his motion was in the line of new business. Town Attorney Halfpenny was appealed to on the question of the Council's legal right to rescind its action. The attorney's opinion was that in the question of the purchase of the Orange Water Company's plant, before the Council, in my judgment, a conclusive vote was reached and accepted by it, and a determination was arrived at. The Council then, without any further action on the subject, formally adjourned its meeting.

Its proceedings relating to this matter were of a public character, binding upon the interested parties and the legal voters of the town. The matter is no longer in abeyance. The Council has power to consult, resolve and reconsider its conclusions until the same are promulgated by its authority, when they are bound by them. All this has been done. Notice of the special election and its object has been posted in public places and advertised in the official newspaper of the town as the law requires. I think a mandamus would issue on the application of any voter of the town, directing the proper officer to prepare the tickets and the election officers to hold the elections at the places and at the time named in the notice.

The vote on the motion to rescind was as follows: In favor—Walker and Farrand; against—Moore, Harrison, Conlan and Chabot. The report from the Town Council read at the public meeting was ordered placed on file when submitted by Councilman Harrison. Mr. Farrand questioned the right of the Council to the report.

Mitchell-Olney.

Invitations have been issued for the wedding of Miss Grace Cecelia Olney of New York and Eumund Sewell Mitchell of Glen Ridge, to take place to-night in St. James's Episcopal Church, 126th street, New York. The maid of honor will be Miss Edith Andrews Slayback of New York and the bridesmaids Miss Hazel Brown of Yonkers, Misses Theodosia Sisson and Ethel Lockwood of New York, Miss Edith Elliott of Germantown, Pa., Miss Ethel Studley of Providence, R. I., and Miss Dorothy Mason of Danbury, Conn. Frank Mitchell of Glen Ridge, a brother of the groom, will be the best man. The ushers will be John Olney of New York, brother of the prospective bride, Walter Clarkson of Boston, Neil Sullivan, Wm. E. Carlin, Crittenden Ayres, Wm. Griswold and Charles Bartlett of New York, and Dana Mitchell of Glen Ridge.

Election Night Fire.

The firemen were called out at eleven o'clock Tuesday night for a fire in an old half-burned house on Bloomfield avenue, near the Glen Ridge line and next to Christ Episcopal Church. Boys, it is thought, set fire to the structure. It was the third time an attempt was made to burn it, and this time the citizens residing near by begged the firemen to let the building burn, as it had been an eyesore for many months. The firemen stood calmly by until nothing was left but the walls, and then the members of Essex Hook and Ladder Company pulled them down.

Receiver Appointed.

A receiver has been appointed in the United States Circuit Court, in Trenton, for the Combination Rubber Company of this town, upon the application of A. Kern & Co. of New York. The liabilities are placed at $165,000, and the Columbia National Bank of New York holds $30,000 in protested notes against the company. The rubber company has outstanding capital stock amounting to $469,300.

The concern continues in operation. It employs several hundred men, and has been in operation here seven or eight years.

It is said that the company will be reorganized.

THE WATER QUESTION.

REVIEW OF THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE OF FIFTEEN.

How a Conclusion was Reached as to the Value of the Orange Water Company's Plant—The East Orange Case the Basis—The Question of Price, Not That of Ownership, the Issue.

The question of buying the Orange Water Company's pipes laid in the streets of this town is to be voted upon next Tuesday. Every citizen, whether he owns property here or only pays rent, is personally interested in the result of this election, for if the town pays too much for these pipes it will be necessary to increase the water rents, in order to provide funds to pay the interest on bonds and the cost of purchasing water, and conducting a water department.

Last spring the Town Council were informed that the pipes could be purchased for $150,000. This price was considered too high and the Council offered $90,000. This offer was refused by the water company. The Council believed that $90,000 was the full value of the plant, and were unwilling to pay the larger sum, and before acting upon the matter they called a meeting of citizens to learn what the people of the town thought should be done.

The people of the town thought that $150,000 was more than the plant was worth, and they directed the chairman of the meeting to select seven other citizens who with himself and the Town Council should compose a committee of fifteen, to advise what course should be pursued in the matter. Of the citizens selected, one has represented the town in the Board of Freeholders for twenty years, and is familiar with public questions relating to our town and county. One is a physician of high standing, who for a number of years was president of our local Board of Health. Five have served the town in its Township Committees. The remaining member, Mr. Garabrant, has held no local office, but he is universally recognized as a man of great public spirit, deeply interested in the place of his birth.

Every one of these men has lived in Bloomfield for more than thirty years; some of them have lived here all their lives.

This committee did not need to consult engineers in order to determine the value of these pipes, because they were able to procure copies of the testimony of several engineers, given under oath, in the proceeding for the condemnation of the East Orange plant, which is almost identical with ours in construction. They found by this testimony that the East Orange pipes and distribution system had, as appeared by the water company's books, only cost $225,000, and that a new plant could be constructed in East Orange at that time, 1902, for about the same sum. They found that in the opinion of these engineers the present value of the East Orange system of pipes was only $170,000.

They found, by applying this uncontradicted testimony to our case, that the Bloomfield system of pipes had not cost more than $110,000, and that its present value is only $75,000. All the members of the Council agreed with the citizen members of the committee on July 16th that $75,000 was and is the full value of the Bloomfield pipes. What would be thought of an arbitrator who, when it was conclusively shown that our pipe system is worth only $75,000, nevertheless decided that Bloomfield must pay $150,000 for those pipes.

With these facts proved could the Committee of Fifteen advise the voters of this town to buy this plant at $150,000?

If they had advised a purchase at this price, would the people of this town have continued to regard their judgment with confidence, and respected them as careful, prudent and sagacious men of business?

Three reasons are urged for making the Orange Water Company a present of $75,000 of our public money.

1. That by their charters they can trespass upon your private property and do you some sort of injury.

This is a vain piece of imagination. The Orange Water Company's charter is similar to the charter of other water companies. It authorizes the company or its servants to enter upon private property for the purpose of discovering leaks in pipes or to see if they are being defrauded in the use of water. They have no more right to trespass on the private property of a citizen than a citizen has to trespass on their property. There is nothing in that charter which need scare Bloomfield into paying $150,000 to get the water company out of this town.

2. It is claimed that sickness and death will follow from opening the streets to lay new pipes.

Sickness and death did not follow when

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